

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on February 15, 1999 at 3:10 P.M., in Room 312 - 2 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Quilici, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Steve Vick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Peggy Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Rep. Stan Fisher (R)
Rep. Dick Haines (R)
Rep. Royal Johnson (R)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. Red Menahan (D)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)
Rep. Lila Taylor (R)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)
Rep. John Witt (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joanne Gunderson, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. Minutes were recorded on a Sony BI-85 machine and references are measured in inches rather than minutes

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 536, HB 537, HB 538,
2/8/1999 & HB 568, 2/10/99

HEARING ON HB 536

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Betty Lou Kasten, HD 99, presented HB 536.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17 - 33}

Proponents' Testimony:

Bill Jensen, General Counsel, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Montana Comprehensive Health Association Board (MCHA) **EXHIBIT**(aph37a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 33 - 56}

Mark O'Keefe, Montana State Auditor and Insurance Commissioner

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 56 - 119; Comments :

Reviewed the result if the bill fails to pass.} **EXHIBIT**(aph37a02)

Exhibit 3 is a packet of letters written to the State Auditor/

Insurance Commissioner's Office. **EXHIBIT**(aph37a03)

Maryetta Bauer, MCHA Board

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 119 - 149}

Opie Peterman, Conrad

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 149 - 160}

Barbara Schafer, Fort Benton

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 160 - 203}

Tim Lenhardt, Billings

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 203 - 255}

Carol Pfluge, Billings

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 255 - 302}

Ron Yates

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 302 - 348}

Mike Logan, Helena

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 348 - 362}

Jamie Doggett, Meagher County

EXHIBIT(aph37a04)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 362 - 376}

JeNae Fay, Helena

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 376 - 471}

Kathy Bassette, Hill Country Commissioners Office

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Deborah Frieck

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17 - 30}

Wanda Corscadden, Great Falls

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 30 - 68}

Bill Lachemann, Great Falls

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 68 - 81}

Pamela Kierulff, Missoula

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 81 - 113}

Renee Koss, Malta

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 113 - 156}

E. Gilbert, Arlee

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 156 - 171}

John Dahl, 5-year administrator of MCHA, Helena

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 171 - 183}

Janet McGahan, Arlee

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 183 - 195}

Deborah Wilber, Missoula

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 195 - 215}

Linda Kralivich, East Helena

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 215 - 234}

Toby Harris, Livingston

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Chuck Butler, Blue Cross/Blue Shield

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no name given

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 258 - 266}

Shirley Hager, Missoula

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 266 - 282}

Don Hahn, Billings

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 282 - 289}

Douglas Goodell, minister, Wesleyan Church **EXHIBIT**(aph37a05)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 289 - 343}

Al Pontrelli, Montana Association of Life Underwriters

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 343 - 348}

Page Drinemen, Health Insurance of America

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 348 - 357}

Beta Lovitt, Montana Medical Association

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 357 - 364; Comments :
This witness did not sign the visitors register.}

Charlann Forbes, Helena

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 364 - 388}

Mary Dillree, Lewistown

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 388 - 425}

Don Allen, Montana Medical Benefit Program

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 425 - 444}

Mark Brady, Swan Lake

EXHIBIT(aph37a06)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 444 - 457}

Pastor Gerald Devereux, Great Falls

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 457 - 500}

Ernest Gates, Hamilton

EXHIBIT(aph37a07)
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3 - 9}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 41 - 53; Comments :
Sponsor said she had an amendment to present at executive
action.}

HEARING ON HB 537

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Betty Lou Kasten, HD 99, presented the CI-75 portion of the bill in the form of HB 537.

Proponents' Testimony:

By a show of hands, all members of the audience who testified or signed the register for the preceding bill.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 53 - 69}

HEARING ON HB 538

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Betty Lou Kasten, HD 99, presented the HMO portion in the form of HB 538.

Proponents' Testimony:

Signified by show of hands, the same as testified or signed as proponents for HB 536 and 537.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 69 - 192}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 192 - 203}

HEARING ON HB 568

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Matt McCann, HD 92, presented HB 568.

Proponents' Testimony:

Lynda Brannon, Indian Impact Schools

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 203 - 389}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 304 - 356}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:45 P.M.

REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman

JOANNE GUNDERSON, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (aph37aad)